

Abstract

A routing node (100) includes a usage measurements module (134) for polling internal processing modules (106) and communication link modules (102, 104, and 106) for usage measurements collected by these modules and
5 forwarding the usage measurements to a general-purpose computing platform (136) via a high speed communication link (138). The usage measurements module (134) may include load sharing functionality that allows distribution of usage measurements collection among multiple usage measurements modules. The usage measurements module (134) may also include a reports generator for
10 generating user-configurable reports.

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